Together for Quality
Alabama Medicaid Agency
STATUS REPORT
February 29, 2008

During the previous month, much of the Agency's time was devoted to MMIS system implementation. ACS continued to work on programming, system design, data mapping etc.

I.   <u>PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE</u>
Care Management Highlights:
- Care Management for asthma patients began February 1st in Bullock and Pike counties.
- Medicaid and ADPH staff finalized the diabetic protocol.
- Care management for diabetics in these counties began the 1st week in March.
- The remaining counties will be delayed 30 days as a result of providers in those counties expressing concerning with the new system implementation, the delay in having all patient information available, and the inability to schedule provider visits due to the flu outbreak.
- Pilot providers are pleased with the availability of information through the RMEDE system. This is the tool that the Agency is utilizing to identify care management participants through a combination of missed opportunities and a risk stratification process.
- Staff is continuing to work in recruiting pilot providers in the remaining care management counties.

ACS/ECST Highlights:
- Work continues with those entities having a direct interface with the ECST. A weekly call has been scheduled in preparation for testing.
- ACS is working to finalize screen design. The Clinical Workgroup provided feedback on the Summary Screen they had requested. The purpose of the summary screen is to provide a "snapshot" of the patient's information.
- The Clinical Workgroup also provided feedback on the "clinical rules" that will be used in the ECST in developing alerts. Three clinical rules were reviewed during the February 22nd meeting; Asthma, Diabetes and Depression. The remaining two clinical rules for Immunizations and Labs will to be reviewed during the March 12th meeting.
- The BizTalk middleware Enterprise Service Bus (EBS) solution hardware and software are in the process of being purchased and installed by ISD. Also,
- Agency has purchased and shipped to ACS the required hardware and software, except one back order item.

Upcoming Events:
- Finalization of the project evaluation plan.
- Finalization of interfaces and designs.
- Development of Provider Reports and Utilization reports within the ECST system
- Still working on the "Naming of the Tool." As reported in January, our goal is to have a "name" that people connect to TFQ and within TFQ, the tool and the care management program.
- Target ECST implementation date: late June.

II.   APRIL MEETING

We will have a face-to-face meeting on April 9, 2008 at 1 pm in Medicaid's boardroom. ACS is slated to come and present their work to date and Medicaid will be providing a pilot implementation update and RMEDE demonstration.